

The Government has examined the report of the Committee and has sent a copy to the Central Bureau of Investigation. The case was also handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation by the State Government *vide* their notification dated, 9/1/2007 for further investigation.

Fencing in J&K

958. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to protect fencing on the extreme border, in J&K, which is generally under threat from the other side;

(b) whether there is any proposal to remove the border fencing which is upto five kms. inside the border, so as to shift the same to the extreme end of the border so that the land so reclaimed can be used by the owners; and

(c) if so, the details thereof in both the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The International Border in Jammu region is guarded by Border Security Force. Appropriate measures like patrolling, nakas, night vision devices etc. are in place to ensure that infiltration does not take place by damaging the fence. The fence is also maintained/repared by the concerned agencies of the Government.

(b) and (c) The Security Fence on Jammu International Border is generally at a distance of 150—500 mtr. from International Border with provisions for gates at appropriate distance to facilitate the farmers to go ahead of fencing for cultivation of their land. However, BSF has mooted a proposal to shift a stretch of 38.015 km fence erected at a distance varying from 400 mtr to 1.5 km away from the International border to bring it closer to the International border.

Training of Police Forces for taking Naxalism

959. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police forces in Naxlite affected States are generally illequipped and ill-trained to successfully combat the threat; and

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(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to properly equip and train police forces to successfully combat the threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Modernisation of police forces with better infrastructure, weaponry and training is a continuous process. Specialised trainings in Guerilla warfare etc. are being provided to the State Police personnel in the training centres of Army/CPMFs and Greyhounds Training Centre at Hyderabad. Mine Protected Vehicles (MPVs) are being supplied to the States to neutralize IEDs/landmine blasts. Financial assistance is being give to the affected States under the Police Modernisation (PM) and Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Schemes etc. to strengthen their local capabilities. Rs. 371.79 crore has been released during 2006-07 (as on 31.1.2007) to nine naxal affected States under Police Modernisation Scheme.

Special package for flood victims of Rajasthan

† 960. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has asked for a special package of Rs. 874.52 crore for the rehabilitation and development of the villages drowned during floods in rainy season in Barmer district in Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for which this amount has not been sanctioned so far; and

(c) by when the said amount will be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan in its memorandum for Central assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) sought an amount of Rs. 3284.22 crore in the wake of floods in 2006. This included Rs. 874.52 crore for (i) restoration of damaged roads (Rs. 333.99 crore) (ii) restoration of irrigation dams/ canals (Rs. 37.11 crore), (iii) restoration of damaged tanks of Panchayati Raj institutions (Rs. 28.77 crore), (iv) restoration of power supply network (Rs. 74.65 crore) and (v) Misc. including damage to mining industry & relocation of submerged villages (Rs. 400.00 crore).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.